

My testimony today will not be focused on *which* firearm a responsible, able bodied citizen of our State has the *right to keep and bear*, but instead, more on their **duty** to keep and bear the proper firearm in defense of themselves as well as the State¹ as guaranteed in the *Declaration of Rights* of our CT. Constitution¹ as well as the Constitution for the United States². I was born and raised in CT. and presently live in Weston. I am proud to say CT. has a long history in regards to defending ourselves and our State. For almost 300 years in CT we had a properly functioning Colonial and then State Militia structure, that provided for our *Public Safety and Security*. It functioned just fine 1638- 1903. In 1903 congress violated their delegated authority and un-organized the "Militia of the several States"³ Unfortunately, the States followed their misguided lead and passed unconstitutional statues of their own, as we currently have today in CT. under Chapter 504 regarding the MILITIA statues. These current statues are **void and null** according to the U.S. Supreme court⁴

This *Public Safety and Security Committee* appears to be the proper *committee* to correct this problem and to properly **organize** the CT. State Militia by amending the CT. State statues. I would like to know by a show of hands, if there are any of you on this *committee*, that have not taken an Oath to support the U.S. Constitution⁵ and the Constitution of our State? (Good) This task ahead of you will be monumental but not only does the Constitution *demand* this but you as State legislators are *bound* by your Oath to perform this task. This is the supreme law of the Land.⁶ It is **necessary** because you are called to perform this duty as our State legislators and will provide the proper **security** for our State. This is what our 2nd Amendment Right guarantees.

I wish to reserve the balance of my time to take any questions I hope you have.

In closing I would like to say I am more than happy to help any of you in the near future regarding this matter.

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¹ Article I sec.15 - CT. Constitution "Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state".

² "A well regulated Militia, being **necessary** to the **security** of a free State, ..."

³ Article II sec. 2 -U.S. Constitution "The President shall be Commander in Chief of ... the Militia of the several States , when called into **actual** Service of the United States

⁴ "*All laws which are repugnant to the Constitution are null and void.*" **Marbury vs. Madison 5 US (2 Cranch) 137, 174, 176, (1803)**

⁵ Article VI sec.3, **all** of you ".... shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution; ..."

⁶ Article VI sec.2 of the U.S. Constitution "This Constitution, (*including the Bill of Rights*) ...shall be the **supreme** Law of the Land; ...any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary not with-standing."